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SUBJECT: REPORT ON CONDITIONS AT PORT OF DAMMAM

REF: STATE 42959

1. DAMMAM PORT CONTINUES CONGESTED. DURING MONTH JANUARY 89 VESSELS DISCHARGED 117 THOUSAND TONS. WAITING TIME FOR SHIPS WAS 26 DAYS IN JANUARY, NOW ABOUT 17 DAYS. ABOUT 42 SHIPS NOW IN PORT, SOME OF WHICH WILL GET ON WAITING LIST AND PROCEED TO OTHER GULF PORTS. EXAMPLE: CONGEN CARGO EXPECTED MID- DECEMBER NOT OFF- LOADED UNTIL EARLY MARCH.

2. PORT OPERATING REASONABLY EFFICIENTLY, BUT BACKLOG CAUSED LARGELY BY UNUSUALLY WINDY WATHER PAST TWO MONTHS ( E. G. RAS TANURA TERMINAL CLOSED 54 PERCENT FIRT NINE DAYS OF MARCH) AND INCREASE IMPORTS CAUSED BY ARAMCO EXPANSION AND OTHER AREA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS. EXAMPLE: OF 82,000 TONS AWAITING UNLOADING, 13,000 TONS ARE PIPE FOR ARAMCO.

3. TOTAL IMPORT TONNAGE 1970, 1971, AND 1972: 677, 885, AND 1034 TOUSAND TONS, RESPECTIVELY. NUMBER VESSELS FOR SAME YEARS: 604, 697, 782. ADDITIONAL BERTHS WILL HELP RELIEVE BACKLOG, BUT THESE FAR FROM COMPLETIONQS BAHTI

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